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WALNUT STREET EXT.

Buyer renews interest in Games and Lanes

Deal isn't done yet; town-funded assessment of cleanup costs comes first

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Site Redevelopment Technologies, a firm dedicated to restoring value to distressed properties, has reiterated its interest in purchasing Games and Lanes, located at 346-350 Walnut Street Ext.

Mayor Richard Cohen said a final assessment of the site will be completed now that the Agawam City Council has approved about \$12,000 to fund it.

"I'm very glad the council has approved this spending," said Cohen. "Once we are able to get this study finished, we will be able to give the assessment to SRT and they can make the final decision to purchase the property." David Peter, a representative of the Brookline-based firm, said he was looking at the property in 2008. Unfortunately, he said, the economic conditions made it impossible for his firm to purchase the property and clean up the environmental hazards on it.

"The economy was going down at that time and I did not see where we would be able to sell the land once it was cleaned up," said Peter. "The idea is to clean up the property and sell it for more than we paid to clean it up."

Peter said his expertise is working with environmentalists to clean up properties. He does not actually develop the land once it is cleaned up.

"Depending on the economic conditions, we may lease the property instead of selling it," said Peter. "But we stick to what we are successful at."

Peter says there are numerous parties involved from the town to the Department of Environmental Protection. Working with all the stakeholders involved would be the most difficult part of a potential cleanup project for the property.

The deal is not done yet, Peter

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THE PASSING PARADE



Above, Agawam Colleen Lauren Muszynski and her court sit atop "A Bit of the Old Sod," the town's float in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade, which won a first-place award at the March 22 celebration. At right, varsity hockey player Don Ingham marches with his team, a couple weeks after winning the Western Mass. Division 3 championship. More photos on page 28. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY / SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM



COLIN'S CRUISERS

Mom, teacher starts epilepsy charity

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Benjamin Phelps Elementary School teacher is rallying support for her child and other children that suffer from epilepsy.

Last Wednesday morning, Devin Jorgensen, a teacher at the school, announced the forming of Colin's Cruisers, a formal charity team formed to raise funds and awareness for epilepsy.

At the announcement, she and her fellow board member Betsey Szemela said, the first two fundraisers will be held.

Thursday, March 26, teachers in the Agawam Public Schools will celebrate "Purple Day." Not only will teachers and other school staff make a donation to dress down for the day, but they will also be wearing purple to support epilepsy around the world, Jorgensen says.

"I am very proud to approve the Purple Day district-wide," said Superintendent William Sapelli, who joined Jorgensen, Szemela,



From left, Superintendent William Sapelli, Phelps Principal Noelle Colbert, Betsey Szemela, Devin Jorgensen and Kristy Dyer. Maddie Szemela, 7, and Colin Jorgensen, 10, hold a banner for Colin's Cruisers, a charity started by Devin Jorgensen. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

and Phelps Principal Noelle Colbert for the announcement last week. "It's amazing that we have a staff member that is doing something like this. It's an important issue and the district wants to support this. They see a need and we need to jump in and help out."

Jorgensen learned her oldest son, Colin, was suffering from epilepsy when the boy began having numerous seizures in March 2008, at just three years old. Now 10 years old, Colin is an A student,

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RODOLFO ALTOBELLI, 1930-2015

'Rudy was the reason' – in 2 sports

Pioneering coach for AHS ice hockey, tennis remembered

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The community lost a longtime contributor to education and high school sports with the passing of Rodolfo "Rudy" Altobelli. Altobelli passed away on Sunday, March, 8, just days after the Agawam High School ice hockey team had captured its first Western Mass. Division 3 Championship. Altobelli was credited for starting the school's varsity ice hockey and tennis teams.

He was a teacher at Agawam High School for 30 years, starting in 1957.

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Family fair



Tanner, 8, and Tessa Blake, 3 months, craft together at the Agawam Community Informational Fair held March 21 at Agawam High School. More photos, pages 14-15. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY KIMBERLY HATCH

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Weeklong fundraiser to benefit Alex Scafuri

The Ice Cream Shoppe, 493 Springfield St., Agawam (in the Partner's Plaza), will host a weeklong fundraiser Saturday, March 28, through Saturday, April 4, to benefit Alex Scafuri.

Scafuri, a sophomore at Agawam High School, was critically injured recently after being hit by a car on Springfield Street. A portion of the weekly sales will be donated to help defray medical expenses.

In addition, raffle tickets may be purchased at the Ice Cream Shoppe. A drawing will be held April 4 at 6 p.m. All proceeds from this raffle will go directly to Scafuri's family. Donations are also being accepted.

For more information or to donate an item or service for the raffle, contact Susan Thibault at 413-786-5960 or stop by the Ice Cream Shoppe.

Class of '65 seeking classmates for reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1965 is celebrating its 50th class reunion the weekend of Oct. 2, 3 and 4. The reunion committee is looking for addresses for the following class members. Anyone with information on the classmates listed is asked to contact Robert Guidetti on his Facebook site or Debbie (Leclerc) DePalma at 413-786-3604.

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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

Cinema reopening delayed to next month

Agawam Cinemas won't reopen until May at the earliest, the theater's new owner said last week.

Kimberly Wheeler said work on the Southgate Plaza theater's electrical system has taken longer than projected, and will stretch at least into next month.

After former owner Sal Anzalotti closed the former second-run theater in May 2014, Wheeler bought the business with the hope of bringing it to the modern age with digital projectors and screenings of first-run films. A Kickstarter campaign in October helped Wheeler fund some of the improvements.

The cinema will hold a fundraiser April 11.

Are You Old News?



Each week the *Agawam Advertiser News* digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to aan@turley.com.



Last week's photo:
There were no correct
submissions received for
James Paleologopolous.

Cichetti, Bitzas seek to fight blight

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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While Games and Lanes may be the most prominent "eyesore" that Agawam residents and business owners have come to know and hate, many other disheveled properties have also caught the eye of town officials.

Agawam city councilors James Cichetti and George Bitzas say they have begun working with Mayor Richard Cohen on a first draft of a town "blight ordinance" to develop a process to work with property owners whose properties are in disrepair or very poor in appearance.

Cichetti said he is on creating a blight ordinance because the current system of fines for building code violations is not working, and it is also causing headaches that get courts and other entities involved.

He says a blight ordinance will allow officials in the Health and Inspection Services departments to go out to properties and find ways to work with the owners to get them cleaned up without involving the courts.

Cichetti held a preliminary discussion on the idea with members of the council's Legislative Subcommittee

last Monday night. He was met with some resistance from Councilor Robert Rossi, who said he believes there are enough regulations already in place.

"I think there are already plenty of avenues for blight," said Rossi.

Cichetti believes a formal ordinance dedicated to blighted properties is something that will provide another tool in the toolbox for zoning enforcement officials.

"My opinion is that we need this," said Cichetti.

Cichetti said he has been touch with a representative from the state attorney general's office, and said he was advised to move forward with proposing a blight ordinance.

"Springfield also just recently passed a new blight ordinance," said Cichetti.

Cichetti and Bitzas are hoping to bring a draft of their proposed ordinance sometime in the next week, and then hold a Legislative Subcommittee meeting to gain sponsorship from all five members before bringing it forward to the full council.

Any ordinance brought forward must be approved by eight members of the full council to pass.

During the conversation last week, Rossi said later he would be willing to support a proposed ordinance, but only if it is "done right."

Bitzas says he is hoping the full council will support a blight ordinance.

"This is something positive that we can do for the town," he said.

Cichetti said he started working on the ordinance after a citizen came in front of the City Council during public comment and requested a blight ordinance be created to start addressing some of the eyesore properties in town.

During the last month, Michael Theroux, code enforcement officer for the town, brought town officials on a "blight tour" and documented properties that are in need of cleanup.

Cichetti says while everyone is talking about Games and Lanes, there are plenty of other properties that have not been addressed, and have been in rough shape longer.

"There is a property on Silver Street called Cesars," said Cichetti. "I believe it was a restaurant or bar. It has been out of business since the late '80s or early '90s."

Tickets available for ADOG Mohegan trip

The Agawam Dog Owners Group is sponsoring a bus trip to Mohegan Sun this Saturday, March 28. The King Ward bus will leave Dave's Soda and Pet City, 151 Springfield St., Agawam, at 1 p.m. and return at approximately 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 and includes a \$15 food credit as well as \$15 Big 6 Wheel bets. Tickets may be purchased at Southgate Liquors or by calling Debbi Sanchez at 413-374-4684.

Artists to discuss animal portraits

The Agawam Community Artists and Artisans meeting on Wednesday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. will feature animal portraits in watercolor by Steve Hamlin in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.

Hamlin will work on a painting of an animal that's in progress, focusing on the features and other characteristic details such as hair, musculature and bone structure.

Guests are welcome.

Womens Club honors



Above, The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club recently installed three new members, from left, Amie Miarecki, Barbara Neuzil and Jocelyn Wildman. At right, Samantha Rudd, left, GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club president, honors member Sue Godfrey for her 25 years of service and membership.

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Opinion

OUR VIEW

Downtown project has potential

Baseball fans and movie buffs are familiar with the phrase “if you build it, he will come.” In the 1989 film “Field of Dreams,” Kevin Costner lays out a baseball diamond in the middle of an Iowa cornfield, and a ghostly team of baseball greats — including Shoeless Joe Jackson — magically appear.

If only urban planning were that simple.

Agawam has a plan to “build it,” laying out a walkable downtown in the middle of strip malls and light industry, on Walnut Street Extension. Unfortunately, there’s no screenwriter or movie director who can guarantee to us that “they will come.” Ultimately, the success of the Walnut Street Extension business district will depend on factors that the town, or the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, can’t control.

Increased or easier parking won’t matter if the existing shops, or new development, don’t have the right products or business plan attract additional patrons.

Wide sidewalks and shade trees along a two-block stretch won’t matter if the streets around the neighborhood — Suffield Street, Springfield Street, across the way into the North Agawam area — are perceived as unfriendly to pedestrians.

Perhaps most importantly, and as one shopkeeper pointed out in an Agawam Advertiser News article earlier this month, none of the beautification efforts will matter as long as the vacant, contaminated, crumbling Games and Lanes remains a massive eyesore facing Walnut Street Extension.

Even in the planning commission’s computer renderings of the proposed streetscape, where Games and Lanes’ weatherbeaten, hole-ridden facade is represented by a smooth gray box, it’s still obvious that this one property dominates the landscape. Most of the merchants have to look at it, every day, out their front windows. For drivers arriving for a hair appointment or a lunch date, Games and Lanes is an unavoidable negative impact on their first impression of Walnut Street Extension.

There’s some good news on that front: The town appears to be close to brokering a deal to redevelop the property. But, again, the government can’t control its fate completely. Once the property is cleaned up, its new owner will understandably seek the most profitable use for it.

Almost any active use of the Games and Lanes site, residential, commercial or light industrial, is better than what’s there now. But some uses would benefit the proposed downtown neighborhood more than others, and the decision reached by the free market may not be what the mayor, the planning commission, or neighboring merchants had in mind. Ideally — from the standpoint of developing a downtown district — the block would mimic and reinforce what’s already in place across the street, small shops, to encourage walking. It might also include, or consist entirely of, a residential component to bring more foot traffic into the area and establish a built-in customer base for the shops across the street. On the other hand, the most profitable use could turn out to be one large, pedestrian-unfriendly tenant, such as a big box store or a warehouse, which would hardly help the merchants across the way.

None of these are reasons to put the brakes on redeveloping Walnut Street Extension. It has the potential to become a true commercial center for the town, and a combination of streetscape improvements with the cleanup of Games and Lanes could turn an eyesore into a crown jewel. The key word, though, is “potential.”

What do you think? Email your letter to the editor at aan@turley.com.



JAY SPEAKS

Not much of a golfer

All my life I’ve enjoyed participatory sports. I have been pretty good at a few and not good at several. My good ones were football, baseball, and particularly tennis. My poorer ones include hockey, basketball, and the worst, golf.

Nevertheless, even golf had its bright shining moments. While watching a little golf last weekend on TV, I was reliving some of the memories one clings to, in order to balance the dismal ones.

Our company used to run a golf and tennis tournament each year as a fundraiser for a charity. Each year we would select a charity to be the recipient of the receipts. The company would pay for most everything and the charge to the individual attending would go to the charity.

Most years, I would run the tennis portion of the tournament. However, one year, another player said that he wanted to try something different and would I take his place in golf. I soon found out that he didn’t want to play with the boss. That job would fall to me.

Woody, the boss, was an excellent golfer. He belonged to a leading country club and played often with the pro there. We were going to play best ball with another team of two. I would play with Woody. I figured he would make all the points, and I’d be along for the ride.

At the first hole after the first three teed off, I got up, teed up my ball and gave it a decent swing. The ball flew off the tee and went 20 yards beyond everyone else’s ball. Woody looked at me kind of funny, but we went along. My second stroke brought my ball onto the green, while everyone else was in the trees along the fairway, or in a sand trap.

I holed out at par for the hole. Everyone else was bogey one or two. Best ball won for our team. While we were riding to the next hole, Woody said, “Jay, I thought tennis was your game.” I blamed it on mere luck. All I could think of was, I played loose figuring that Woody would carry us to victory.

This streak continued. I won the next

four holes. The other team won a couple, then I came back and won three in a row. The others carried the 11th. The 12th hole

was considered to be the toughest on the course. This was Woody’s hole. It was a par 5 and he blasted his drive, his next shot was on the green, holed out with an eagle three.

We split the next six holes and our team was the winner. I had the honor of presenting the prizes to the victors. I made a point of mentioning the 12th hole and the fact that our leader shot an eagle and that was the winning margin. I got a big smile from Woody when he came for his trophy!

But before I quit, I have to tell you of my “hole in one” that was not a hole in one. Kitty and I went with another couple to a horse riding resort near Lake George in New York state. The place has other facilities, such as tennis, swimming, golf, as well as riding.

One day, while the other three went riding, I could not find any tennis players, so I figured I would play some golf. No one else was around, so I was on my own. I came to a par 3, 158 yards. I teed up and think I used a 6 iron. The ball flew and I saw it land on the edge of the green but lost sight of it after it landed. When I got to the green I could not see my ball, and figured it must have gone over the edge. After looking for it, I placed another ball on the edge of the green and putted it in. When I took out my ball there was my original ball. I had a “hole in one.”

I dashed back to the club house and bar. “Gee, I have to buy drinks for everyone,” I thought. As soon as I got in I announced that “I got a hole in one!” The bartender, who also worked in the golf end of things, said, “Did anybody see this happen?” I replied in the negative. “Then it never happened,” he said. “You must have a witness.”

Well, I guess I don’t have to buy drinks! My one, bright shining day of golf ... shot down!

Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.



Jay Berger

The Garden Lady answers the first questions of spring

By Roberta McQuaid

Lisa, who reads the column in The Journal Register, wrote in with this question for the Garden Lady: “We have all heard the news that bee populations are dwindling. I live in an apartment with only a small deck. What type of plants can I grow in containers that will provide a source of food for them?”

Thanks for a great question. Consider having plants in bloom each season for continuous bee “food.” For example, sweet alyssum, California poppies and bachelor buttons are great spring-flowering plants that bees love - and these are easily sown from seed, right into your pots. In the summer, think about cosmos, zinnias and sunflowers for larger containers. Herbs are also

good choices throughout the summer and fall, provided that you let them flower. Thyme, basil, anise hyssop, Greek oregano and mint are bee magnets. Although nesting options for a deck garden might be impossible, you can offer bees access to water by providing them with a basin of clean shallow water daily.

This question came from Bob, who gardens in Ware and reads the column in the Ware River News: “With electric bills soaring, is there another method of starting seeds that doesn’t require heat mats and supplemental light?”

You can certainly become quite inventive in this area of seed starting. Your results won’t always be as predictable as folks using props, but it certainly can be done successfully. Think heat and light. Your goal is to heat the soil to 70 de-

grees - the temperature at which most seeds will germinate readily. You may wonder why a typical room temperature of 68 degrees isn’t close enough - that is because where the soil meets the air, evaporation occurs and the temperature where the seeds are sown will be a few degrees cooler still. Too cold.

Try setting up a rack near a radiator or wood-burning stove. The top of older TVs, refrigerators and freezers are also a possibility. The difference between these heat sources and the mat is that heat does not remain constant. For that reason it may take a few days longer to get those seeds to sprout. Once they do, light becomes the concern. If you are home during the day, the job of

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Opinion

FAITH MATTERS

A parade to start Holy Week

By Rev. Rob Donaldson

This Sunday is Palm Sunday on the Western Church calendar, and the beginning of Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, Christians remember the day Jesus finally entered Roman-occupied Jerusalem. To many of his followers, it looked like Jesus was about to usher in the end of Roman rule. In fact, what Jesus was doing was much bigger than any political transition could ever have been. Our pastor, the Rev. Rob Donaldson, will lead us in worship at 10 a.m. at Feeding Hills Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, located in the quaint and classic New England meeting house at 21 N. Westfield St. The Rev. Donaldson will offer a children's moment a few minutes into the service, following which children from nursery through grade 6 will move off to Sunday School under Amanda Rogers and her staff.

Feeding Hills Congregational Church is an open and affirming congregation, which is United Church of Christ jargon meaning that the LGBT community is as welcome as the straight community — just as they are. Aimee Heinze is scheduled to serve as lector, the person who reads scripture, and Deb Burba and Cathy Szczepanek will welcome you to worship and answer any questions you may have as a visitor. Stan and Bonnie-Jean Bierowka will host refreshment hour immediately following worship. The Rev. Donaldson will be speaking on passages from the Gospel of Mark. His sermon is titled "A Tale of Two Pa-

rades." If you're still feeling a little footsore from the St. Patrick's Day races and parades, and a bit spiritually parched, you might want to visit this Sunday. We'll make you feel more than welcomed. On Friday — Good Friday — there will be a service at 7 p.m. as we reflect on the meaning of Jesus' crucifixion. Earlier in the day, Rev. Rob will also lead the luncheon worship at Bethany Assembly of God. The church office phone is 413-786-5061. We're also on Facebook and at www.fhccucc.org on the web. Feel free to contact us with any questions. See you in church? The Rev. Rob Donaldson is the pastor of Feeding Hill Congregational Church.

TABLE FOR TWO

Orange Breakfast Rolls

If you remember and loved my recipe for Raspberry Cheese Danish from a few years ago, you will also love this easy pastry. Although I specialize in cooking for two, my Orange Breakfast Rolls make a wonderful complement to any Easter brunch. Refrigerated crescent rolls come packaged in a can of either four or eight rolls. I use the can of four when cooking for only two and I would plan on two breakfast rolls per person when serving brunch for a crowd. But if I planned to serve an additional bread such as mini muffins or mini bagels, I would allow only one Orange Breakfast Roll per person.



Ann Macey

I also have a recipe, Cinnamon Rolls, which is very similar to this one that can be found on my website, www.AnnstableForTwo.com. It is listed under "Recipes" in the black bar at the top of the page. Although I have never tried to substitute lemon zest and lemon juice for the orange, I would expect it would work very well.

Orange Breakfast Rolls

- 1 can (4 oz.) refrigerated crescent rolls
- 2 tsp. granulated sugar
- 1 tsp. dark brown sugar
- 4 tsp. butter (softened), divided
- 1 tsp. orange zest, divided
- 1/4 C. powdered sugar
- 1/2 - 1 tsp. milk (or orange juice)

Unroll crescent dough on a piece of waxed paper and press perforations together. In a small bowl, combine granulated sugar, brown sugar, 2 tsp. of butter, and 1/2 tsp. of zest. Spread butter mixture to the edges of the dough leaving about 1/2-inch unbuttered on one of the short ends. Starting at the buttered short end of the rectangle, tightly roll the dough, forming a 4-inch log making sure to press the short sides into the log as you go. (The 1/2-inch unbuttered end will allow the dough to stick when rolling is completed.) Cut log into 4 rolls and place about 2 inches apart in a 9-inch x 9-inch baking pan that has been lined with foil and sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Bake in a 375-degree oven for 16 minutes or until golden brown. In a small bowl, combine powdered sugar, milk (or orange juice) and remaining butter and zest until smooth. Spread frosting evenly on top of each breakfast roll and serve warm or at room temperature. Yield: 4 rolls.

Ann Macey is the author of "Ann's Table for Two: Quick & Easy Two Serving Recipes." Ann welcomes your questions and comments at AnnsTable@gmail.com.

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Legislators seek change in electric regulation

BOSTON — A bipartisan group of Western Massachusetts legislators, including state Sen. Donald Humason Jr. and state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, sent a letter this week urging the repeal of a 15-year-old order they say is costing electricity consumers hundreds of dollars. The state Department of Public Utilities is currently considering docket DPU 14-140, which would rescind a 2000 order that requires energy suppliers to charge consumers retroactively at a higher, variable rate if they switch to a competitive supplier within a set six-month pricing term. For Western Massachusetts consumers, the pricing terms run Jan. 1 to June 31, and July 1 to Dec. 31. "With Western Massachusetts residents facing increased electric rates during this particularly challenging winter, it is vitally important that we support efforts to allow constituents to shop in the open marketplace for competitive electric suppliers without facing unexpected charges," said Humason. "This is the next step of many that we must take to ensure that utilities in the commonwealth are fair and affordable." On Monday, following conversations with Humason's office and under the guidance of the state secretary of energy and environmental affairs, Matthew Beaton, the DPU issued a letter asking competitive suppliers to "... clearly

inform potential customers about bill recalculation at the time the customer is seeking to enroll." According to the letter sent March 19, "ratepayers who choose to switch to competitive suppliers ... justifiably assumed that they were paid in full and their business with their [former] supplier complete, only to then receive high-cost, unexpected bills. ... Ratepayers are penalized for their attempts at saving their families or businesses money, when many households are struggling with day-to-day finances. This does not encourage consumers to utilize the deregulated energy market as intended by the commonwealth." Humason, a Westfield Republican, and Boldyga, a Southwick Republican, are Agawam's representatives in the Statehouse. Also signing the letter were state Sens. Eric Lesser, D-Longmeadow, and James Welch, D-West Springfield; and state Reps. Thomas Petrolati, D-Ludlow; William Pignatelli, D-Lenox; John Scibak, D-South Hadley; Jose Tosado, D-Springfield; and John Velis, D-Westfield. Humason encourages constituents to contact him at his district office, 64 Noble St., Westfield, MA 01085, or 413-568-1366; or his Boston office, State House, Room 213A, Boston, MA 02133, or 617-722-1415. His email address is Donald.Humason@MASenate.gov.

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"chasing light" becomes easier. Simply take your plants from one window to the next as the sun moves. This will prevent them from getting leggy in an attempt to stretch to the light. Other ways to save money include using recycled salad "tubs" for germination chambers, mushroom and strawberry containers for starting seeds, and all sorts of plastic possibilities for cutting up into your own labels. Margaret has a dilemma with her house plants. "Now that my sun room is heating up again, I have green aphids all over the herbs I brought indoors for the winter. Help!" I am in the same predicament at work. As soon as the days get longer and the greenhouse heats up, it causes a flush of aphids and other soft-bodied insects to inhabit my plants. I want to get rid of them now, before they go after all of my young seedlings. Most advice books recommend using a blast of water to knock small infestations of aphids out of place. For indoor plants, this can easily be accomplished in the shower. Insert the pot into a plastic bag enough to cover the soil, this way it won't get drenched

while the above ground portion rests a minute or two under a good, hard spray. Once the water stops, give the pot a shake to dislodge any remaining insects, and leave it in the tub to dry. If a week goes by and you notice that the aphids have returned, try using insecticidal soap. Spray it liberally on all plant parts until "run-off" (when it drips off the foliage). Insecticidal soap is regarded as nontoxic to humans and pets at the rates recommended. Follow the directions on the container and test plants first for sensitivity. Foliage "burn" is less likely to occur if spraying takes place out of direct sunlight. Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 25 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food, as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to dfarmer@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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In the Classroom



Alex Peterson plays on percussion.



Amanda Delore plays the French horn.



Amy Stefanik on the trombone.

Below, the Agawam High School symphony band plays a song.



Making music



Band Director William M. Hueglin speaks to the crowd at the March 11 Spring Band Concert at Agawam High School. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Alyssa Gravel beats on the drums during the performance.

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Makari Mack on the string bass.

In the Classroom

School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 30: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, March 31: Meatball grinder, mozzarella cheese, potato wedges, broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, April 1: Baked stuffed shells, whole-wheat breadstick, steamed broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, April 2: Pepperoni pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, April 3: Good Friday. No school.

ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL

Monday, March 30: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, March 31: Meatball grinder, mozzarella cheese, potato wedges, broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, April 1: Baked stuffed shells, whole-wheat breadstick, steamed broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, April 2: Pepperoni pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, April 3: Good Friday. No school.

AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, March 30: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, March 31: Meatball grinder, mozzarella cheese, potato wedges, broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, April 1: Baked stuffed shells, whole-wheat breadstick, steamed broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, April 2: Pepperoni pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, April 3: Good Friday. No school.

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, March 30: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.

Tuesday, March 31: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Nutri-Grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.

Wednesday, April 1: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.

Thursday, April 2: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.

Friday, April 3: Good Friday. No school.

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

College Acceptances: Fred Karl-Morin: UMass Lowell; Daniel Lavoie: UMass Lowell; Tori McCullough: Nichols College; Cody Plamondon: U.S. Army; Jae Yeun Suk: UMass Amherst, Pace University, Emmanuel College, Rutgers University, University of Connecticut, Clark University, University of New Haven; Nicolas Abodeeb: Westfield State University; Mark Botnaru: London College of Fashion, Columbia College of Chicago; Jacob Duffus: University of Connecticut, University of Buffalo, Western New England University, University of New England, Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences; Heather Howe: Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Christopher LaZazzera: Fairfield University; Jeff Leclerc: Northeastern University, Georgetown University; Roshni Patel: Bryant University.

Nurse's Aide Course: Professional Care Academy, 270 Main St., Agawam, has openings for this course. Students must be a high school graduate and can enroll in either a four- or five-week course followed by the completion of 116 clinical hours. Upon completion of the course, a home health aide certification will be earned. Books and uniform are included in the \$1,000 fee. One \$250 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior. If interested, call 413-391-7926 for more information or to enroll. See Ms. Sheehan in the Career Center if you have any further questions.

Academy Day: Congressman Richard E. Neal will be hosting this on April 26 at 12:30 p.m. at Westover Air Reserve Base, Wing Conference Center. This is an opportunity to meet U.S. service academy representatives from West Point, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy as well as representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), Norwich University and Mass Maritime Academy. Attendees will learn about academy life from cadets and/or midshipmen as well as the nominations and appointments process for academies. Pre-registration is required for this event by April 3. Visit neal.house.gov for details and registration form.

Springfield National College Fair: NACAC invites students to the Big E on Sunday, April 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. Register for the college fair at www.gotomyncf.com. It will save you time by providing you with a personalized barcode that can be scanned at each booth rather than having to write

your information multiple times. You may also view a list of participating institutions by clicking on the college fair link on the same website. Check the list often for updates.

STCC STEM Academy: Open to seniors with a minimum 2.00 GPA who are interested in pursuing a STEM career (science, technology, engineering or math field) and plan on attending STCC in the fall. This academy begins in the summer and is free for accepted participants. Program participants earn a \$400 stipend, free college courses, attend free field trips to learn more about STEM careers, hear from STEM experts and participate in hands-on activities with some of the STEM professors. Interested applicants must submit a STCC admissions application for the fall and a STEM Starter Academy application. The STEM Starter Academy application is available at www.stcc.edu/stemacademy/. Students must submit both applications by May 1.

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.

Historical society accepting scholarship applications

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Ramapogue Historical Society, which owns and maintains the Josiah Day House on Park Street in West Springfield, is accepting applications for the Rose Carpenali Award, a \$500 scholarship open to Agawam residents..

The Rose Carpenali Award is sponsored by George Stan- cil and Terry DeCaro in memory of DeCaro's aunt. Carpenali was the daughter of immigrant parents from Italy who settled in Agawam, establishing the Carpenali Farm on Suffolk Street.

Application is open to high school seniors in Agawam or West Springfield planning to attend a two-year or four-year college with major emphasis of study in a math or science field and an interest in history. Strong academic record and involvement in community service affairs is required.

Application forms are available in the guidance offices of local public and private secondary schools or by contacting Noreen Tassinari, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, at 413-205-5037 or by email at ntassinari@TheBigE.com. Deadline for submission is April 20.

The awards will be presented May 12 at the annual meeting of the Ramapogue Historical Society, 5:45 p.m. at the Mittineague United Methodist Church on Amostown Road, West Springfield.

Schools, police warn of social media dangers

The Agawam Public Schools and the Agawam Police Department will hold a social media awareness night on Thursday, April 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School auditorium, 1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

There will be student presenters from the NetSmartz Teen Advisory Board, the Hampden County district attorney's office, Agawam Police Department, and state law enforcement agencies. The presentation will focus on the new forms of social media, legal issues involving social media and the dangers associated with social media, as well as ways parents can monitor their children's social media accounts for safety and security.

Parents, students of all grades and ages, and the community are welcome to attend this presentation and there will be a dessert reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. prior to the informational session.

Email your SCHOOL BRIEFS to aan@turley.com

Substitute cafeteria help wanted

The Agawam School Food Service Department is looking for part-time substitute cafeteria helpers available Monday through Friday. Applications are available at Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main St. For more information, call Joel Illouz at 413-821-0559.

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Public Safety

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 69 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week of March 10-16, and 58 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week of March 17-22.

On March 10 at 2:34 p.m., the department responded to good intent call, other.

On March 10 at 5:21 p.m., the department responded to Meadow Street for water problem, other.

On March 10 at 6:13 p.m., the department responded to Pheasant Hill Drive for lockout.

On March 10 at 8:19 p.m., the department responded to North Street for carbon monoxide incident.

On March 10 at 9:25 p.m., the department responded to Mulberry Street to assist invalid.

On March 11 at 12:30 p.m., the department responded to Hunt Street for local alarm system, malicious false alarm.

On March 12 at 8:33 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On March 12 at 8:43 a.m., the department responded to South Park Terrace for public service.

On March 12 at 4:04 p.m., the department responded to Belle Street for smoke or odor removal.

On March 13 at 6:53 a.m., the department responded to Tracy Drive for public service.

On March 13 at 8:59 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street to assist invalid.

On March 13 at 6:08 p.m., the department responded to Main Street to assist invalid.

On March 14 at 10:15 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for building fire.

On March 14 at 10:33 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for water problem, other.

On March 16 at 9:12 p.m., the department responded to Rowley Street for motor vehicle / pedestrian accident.

On March 16 at 10:37 p.m., the department responded to Sunnyslope Avenue for carbon monoxide incident.

On March 17 at 11:04 a.m., the department responded to Walnut St. Ext. for alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional.

On March 17 at 4:01 p.m., the department responded to Roberta Circle for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On March 17 at 5:53 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for police matter.

On March 19 at 1:26 a.m., the department re-

sponded to Southwick Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On March 19 at 6:42 p.m., the department responded to James Street for smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional.

On March 20 at 7:02 a.m., the department responded to Castle Hills Road for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On March 20 at 12:08 a.m., the department responded to Northwood Street to assist invalid.

On March 21 at 9:46 a.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor for public service assistance, other.

On March 21 at 11:49 a.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor for public service assistance, other.

On March 22 at 8:38 p.m., the department responded to Walnut Street for building fire.

On March 22 at 9:41 p.m., the department responded to South West Street for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 240 calls for service from March 17 to March 22. The department made five arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Wednesday, March 18

James Bruce Hamelin, Jr., 29, of 209 Adams St., Agawam, was arrested on charges of disturbing the peace and assault and battery on a police officer.

Friday, March 20

Jomarís Colon, 26, of 775 Springfield St., Apt. 7D, Feeding Hills, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor and serious injury and negligent, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, leaving the scene of personal injury, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and witness interference/obstruction of justice.

Jennifer Lee Koziol, 32, of 420 Main St., Apt. 42, Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant.

Kimberly Ann Mulcahy, 54, of 305 Maple Road, Longmeadow, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Sunday, March 22

Christine Ann Dandy, 31, of 82 Garden St., West Springfield, was arrested on a warrant and a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with license suspended.

Sheriff reduces recidivism rate with education program at fail

A total of 2,344 individuals in the custody of the Sheriff’s Department utilized the Hampden County Correctional Center’s Education Program in fiscal 2014, with an average of 224 individuals participating each day of operation, according to statistics released by Sheriff Michael Ashe Jr. this month.

According to the findings of the December 2014 “Massachusetts Results First Model Analysis of Select Recidivism-Reduction Programs and Practices,” funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the correctional programs that produce the greatest reduction in crime are educational programs. The study saw a 19.2 percent reduction in crime as a result of offenders participating in such programs. It also revealed that the programs produce a net benefit of \$18,057 savings per participant, for a cost-benefit ratio of \$6.60 for every dollar spent.

“What we’ve seen objectively verified statewide in the past year with this ‘Results First’ study is that education programs behind the fences pay off with reduced recidivism and reduced criminal justice costs down the road,” said Ashe. “It stands to reason that an offender willing to try to better himself through an effort to learn is an offender less likely to return to old ways and old days when he or she gets out of jail.”

Programs offered at Hampden County included adult basic education, preparation for the high school equivalency exam, peer literacy, English for speakers of other languages and computer literacy. Eighty-six individuals earned their high school equivalency diploma last year, bringing the total to over 4,500 during Ashe’s tenure as sheriff, which began in 1974.

Emergency hotline available in town

Mayor Richard Cohen and the Agawam Emergency Management office advise residents that a telephone hotline has been established for town and weather emergencies. The number is 413-726-9750.

The Agawam Emergency Management Office will air messages on this designated number to advise residents of emergency conditions, shelter information and other emergencies that may exist. No messages can be left on this line, although it can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Information can also be found on the town’s web page at www.agawam.ma.us/eco, [facebook.com/agawamem](https://www.facebook.com/agawamem) and twitter [@agawamem](https://twitter.com/agawamem).

Agawam Senior Center

Calendar of Events

Monday, March 30: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, March 31: 9 a.m., Knitting Class, Sewing Class; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie (“The Undeclared”); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, April 1: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 10 a.m., Friends Meeting; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Ballroom Lessons, Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 Installation Banquet (no meeting); 6 p.m., Western Mass Genealogy Meets; No Zumba Gold.

Thursday, April 2: Free Tax Prep (by appointment only); 9:30 a.m., Quilting, Easter Candy Making; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m.,

Pitch, Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch, Evening Line Dancing.

Friday, April 3: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Agawam Senior Center lunch menu

MONDAY, MARCH 30: Seafood casserole, garden salad, oranges.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31: Baked potato topped with vegetable chili, spinach salad, baked good.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1: Herb roasted chicken, baby potatoes, dilled carrots, apricots.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2: American chop suey, spring salad, pudding.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3: Baked fish Florentine, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots, mixed fruit.

Free senior living seminars offered

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Landmark at Monastery Heights Senior Living Community, 110 Monastery Ave., has announced the following free seminars.

April 1: A seminar on how to simplify the sale of your home will take place Wednesday, April 1, at 5:30 p.m. Presented by real estate expert Kim Landry from Park Square Realty, the discussion will include the secrets of selling your home fast and for the highest prices. The night’s events will also include a presentation by Carleen Eve Fischer Hoffman from The Clutter Doctor Inc., who will offer a helpful, methodical approach to sorting belongings and downsizing.

April 28: Landmark will also sponsor “The Next Steps — An Interactive Guide” on Tuesday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. For those with loved ones who simply cannot and should not live alone, eldercare experts, Grace Barone and Mary-Anne DiBlasio will present a hands-on interactive journey about choices available for seniors who are struggling to live alone.

To make reservations for either of these free event, call 413-781-1282, ext. 14.

Notes from the Music Room

By Darcy Davis

There have been some small changes in the details of the “Love Songs Concert” by the Memory Lane Chorus of the Agawam Senior Center on April 17.

The process of turning the cafeteria into a concert hall is fairly complex and quite a bit of work. It needs a little more time than was originally allowed in the schedule to get ready for the afternoon concert. As a result, the concert time is 1:30 p.m. instead of 1 p.m.

The concert is free, but a donation will be taken to help with expenses. The evening performance will stay as planned at 7 p.m.

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21. Letter destination
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27. From a distance
29. Cronies

31. Forty
32. Printing speed measurement
33. Nutty spread
40. White seedless grape
41. Hillsides
43. Inflammation of a bursa
44. Artery
45. Nail polish brand
46. A routine that is hard to escape
47. Indigo plant
48. Owners
50. Animal fluids
51. Mustelid in its white winter coat
52. Communist

CLUES DOWN
1. Come into conflict
2. A collection of things wrapped together
3. Bath spatter
4. Gunsmoke actress Blake
5. Direct to a source
6. Cartoonist Capp
7. Somewhat blue
8. 40 weekday periods
9. El Dorado High School (abbr.)
11. Heartbeat
12. Brit. rutabaga
17. Angle (abbr.)
18. Said as a greeting or wish
19. Festivals
23. Rita ____, singer
24. Belonging to us
27. Skating jumps
28. Building at 175 5th Ave.
29. Parts per billion (abbr.)
30. Atomic mass unit
32. Old Spanish currency (abbr.)
33. Insistence on traditional correctness
34. PBS wildlife show
35. Measuring blocks
36. Don’t know when yet
37. Ancient city from which St. Paul first sailed
38. Breadwinner
39. Go to bed
40. Highest in degree or quality
42. Tossed, potato or waldorf
43. The trunk of a tree
49. Yes in Spanish

SEE ANSWERS ON PAGE 18

Business

ESE vice president to retire

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Eastern States Exposition Vice President Sue Lavoie has announced her retirement, capping a 49-year career with the West Springfield organization. She joined the staff of ESE in June 1966 and has held a number of positions, culminating in her appointment of vice president in 1986.

“I remember the Exposition with dirt roads and old buildings and have seen this organization grow and change with numerous new structures and a thriving year-round show business. I am proud of the spectacular showcase Eastern States Exposition has become and pleased to have been a part of its evolution,” Lavoie said.

Lavoie is an active member of the Rotary Club of Springfield, serving as its first female president in 1997-98 and receiving



the organization’s Paul Harris honor in 1998. Her awards include the Women’s Partnership (now the Professional Women’s Chamber) Woman of the Year (1998), as well as the two highest awards for volunteerism bestowed by the YMCA: the Outstanding Layperson of the Year (1990) and its Red Triangle award (2002).

Lavoie has also served on several committees for the Springfield YWCA. She is also a certified fair executive of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions.

Lavoie will retire March 31 and hopes to travel, spend more time with family as well as on Cape Cod, and remain an active volunteer in the community.



Jeffrey Poindexter, right, has been chosen as chairperson of the YMCA of Greater Springfield’s corporate board. He is pictured with Kirk Smith, YMCA president and CEO. SUBMITTED PHOTO

YMCA celebrates historic board appointment at march 31 event

SPRINGFIELD — The YMCA of Greater Springfield will celebrate yet another milestone in its 163-year history on March 31.

Springfield attorney Jeffrey Poindexter will take on the role of chairperson of the organization’s corporate board, marking the first time a person of color has held this position.

Poindexter will formally accept the position at the Y’s Annual Meeting of members on Tuesday, March 31, at 11 a.m. at the MassMutual Center. The meeting will include a synopsis of the 2014 accomplishments and announcement of new board members and officers for 2015. This event is open to members of the Y community.

Later that evening, an invitation-only reception hosted by the YMCA and prominent leaders in the greater Springfield community will be held at the Springfield Country Club at 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the law firm of Bulkley, Richardson & Gelinas, where Poindexter practices law. The “Roast and Toast” will celebrate the historic significance of Poindexter’s appointment. Hosts include Kirk Ray Smith, president and CEO, YMCA of Greater Springfield; Raymond Jordan, retired state representative, co-chair of the Massachusetts Democratic Party and former special projects officer for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Haskell Kennedy, retired director of the Office of Equity Programs for the state of Connecticut; and Henry Thomas, chair of the UMass board of trustees and president of the Urban League of Springfield.

“As the second oldest YMCA in the United States and the fourth oldest YMCA in the world, this is a significant milestone in the history of this YMCA and a testament to our Y’s commitment to diversity and inclusion,” said YMCA President and CEO Kirk Smith. “Jeff is a tremendous leader in

our community. We are proud to welcome him into this role.”

The YMCA of Greater Springfield serves 14 cities and towns and 115,000 members and participants each year. It opened a branch last year on Springfield Street in Agawam. The Y of Greater Springfield is dedicated to programs for Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility.

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YMCA leaders in ‘40 Under Forty’

Andrew Melendez, executive director of the Agawam YMCA Wellness and Family Program Center, was one of two Greater Springfield YMCA leaders named recently to the BusinessWest Magazine 40 Under Forty Class of 2015.

Melendez joined the YMCA team in 2014 in conjunction with the opening of the Agawam Y, the newest Springfield-area YMCA.

Also named to the list was Sarah Williams, YMCA of Greater Springfield Board

chair. Williams, vice president of global capital risk at MassMutual, has served on the Y board since 2012. Currently in her second year as chair, Williams has played an instrumental role in the Y’s success in recent years.

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Children hunt for eggs at Bethany Assembly of God's "Giant Easter Egg Hunt," scheduled this year for April 4. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Egg hunt at next Saturday at Bethany

Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St., Agawam, will host its 14th annual Giant Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, at 10 a.m.

The event will take place rain or shine and will include lots of prizes and candy. There will be bikes, scooters, games, toys and candy to give away. This egg hunt is planned for children through grade 6. Parents must accompany children under the age of 5 during the hunt.

The TNT Puppet Team, directed by Marilene Allen, is getting ready for another performance. Their songs and skits are always the highlight of the morning. They are funny and entertaining and will help participants see God's love in a new way. The public is invited to help celebrate this very special weekend.

For more information, contact Pastor Chuck Heimann at 413-789-2930.

Learn how to make gnocci at ICC

SPRINGFIELD — The Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts Inc. is sponsoring a gnocchi-making class on Saturday, April 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Italian Cultural Center, 56 Margaret St., Springfield.

An instructor, supplies and space will be provided for adults and children. Participants need only to bring an apron and will take home what they make. Space is limited. Seats will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. To request a registration form and check seating availability, call

Stephanie at 860-305-1175 or email CookingwICC@comcast.net.

Payment must be received by April 3 to guarantee a seat. Mail name, address and phone number along with the registration fee (\$25 for ICC members; \$20 for children of members 12 years and younger; \$30 per adult non-member; \$25 for children of non-members 12 years and younger) to Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts Inc., Attn: Gnocchi-Making, 56 Margaret St., Springfield, MA 01105.

AHS Band Parents to host casino trip

The Agawam High School Band Parents Association will host a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino Saturday, March 28. The bus will leave Agawam High School at 4 p.m. and will return to Agawam at approximately 11:45 p.m.

Ticket price is \$30 per person and in-

cludes a \$15 food voucher and \$15 free bet. To make a reservation, email Jodi Albertson at msjodia@aol.com by March 13. Everyone 21 and older is invited. All proceeds to benefit the Agawam High School Band Program.

Giant tag sale at Agawam Congregational

Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., will host a two-day giant tag sale, Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to clothes and accessories, the tag sale will include toys and games, books, kitchen articles,

household items and more. There will also be a bake sale.

Vendors are welcome. For more information, call 413-786-7111. The public is welcome.

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said Monday morning.

"We still have to get the results of the study," said Peter. "But I am hoping we are going to go forward with this. Right now, the economy is in an upward trend and I think we can really do something with this property."

Peter also said he has been following the progress with the area as whole. He said the upcoming work to the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge, which connects Agawam to West Springfield, as well as the zone change to the Walnut Street Extension area and the proposed revitalization plan for the area have all been factors he has been tracking.

"All of these things will help make it possible to do something with the Games and Lanes property," said Peter.

The land is currently owned by Manfred Tidor, who has spent funds cleaning up the property. Cohen says Tidor would give up the land once the study is completed. There was an assessment done on the property in April 2014, which found one contaminant, a dry cleaning chemical known as trichloroethylene.

The building on the property has been vacant since 2001 when a fire caused damage to the former recreational hangout.

Cohen says the city is happy this project is moving forward and it hopeful a deal will get done soon with SRT.

"We have gone through a lot," said Cohen. "Even when we have not had much activity, this is something that has always been a goal of the administration."

While mayor, Cohen never wanted the town to take control of the property. If the town had seized Games and Lanes, the taxpayers would have been responsible for the cleanup of the property, estimated at times at more than \$600,000.

Peter did not say how much he would be purchasing the land for if the deal moves forward.

"It's still a little too early in the process to know that," said Peter.

Happy anniversary



Albert F. and Carmella A. (Buoniconti) Lepore, of Feeding Hills, will celebrate their 67th anniversary March 29. Albert, a veteran of World War II, will celebrate his 90th birthday in May and Carmella turned 85 this past January. They are the parents of two daughters, Patty Lepore and Linda Wilson. They have one grandchild, Thomas, one great-grandchild, and a great-great grandchild. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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has a first degree black belt in Taekwondo, and plays piano, soccer, basketball, and tennis.

It is thanks to a lot of support that Colin is able to overcome anywhere from 60 to 100 seizures on a daily basis. Colin attends Phelps school and the third grader is able to do most things children do.

Jorgensen says the nonprofit's mission is to help children with epilepsy have a "classic childhood."

"We support health living, whole family education, and funding healing efforts," said Jorgensen.

Following Purple Day, Jorgensen will be

out in Feeding Hills at the Java Stop, at 1226 Springfield St. On Saturday, March 28, the business will donate 10 percent of its sales to Colin's Cruisers.

Between 7 a.m. and noon, members of Colin's Cruisers will be outside the Java Stop. They will hold raffles and a 50/50 for people who stop by. Several local businesses have already donated money and prizes.

"We have been really lucky that we are getting a lot of support so far," said Jorgensen. "We are hoping people will come out on Saturday and see us at the Java Stop."

Szemela has a daughter with epilepsy. She is also a Phelps student. She said the idea for Colin's Cruisers came from a brain-

storming session one night with Jorgensen.

She said funds raised could be used to help send children with epilepsy to camps with staff members who are specially trained to handle epilepsy cases.

"They are expensive and the nearest one is in Central Massachusetts," said Szemela.

Colbert said the Phelps staff is in complete support of Colin's Cruisers.

"We could not be more thrilled to take part in the first dress-down day," said Colbert.

Jorgensen says the organization's efforts will stay local to start, and then consider expansion in the future. For more information on Colin's Cruisers, visit www.colin-cruisers.com.

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He went on a lead a very interesting life outside of teaching, being appointed as the town treasurer and collector following his retirement from teaching. He would serve in those capacities for 10 years and also received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Agawam's Democratic Town Committee.

The tennis courts, which will soon be renovated, have also been named for him. Retired Agawam High School Athletic Director Lou Conte knew Altobelli as a both a teacher and later a volunteer in the community. He says Altobelli's contributions will last a long time.

"He was a man who just loved the town

of Agawam," said Conte. "You could tell that with all the hours he spent on the tennis court volunteering to teach young players."

In addition to starting the high school tennis teams, he was responsible for establishing the tennis courts at Perry Lane School, and then coaching youth players as he worked to build interest in the varsity team.

"That is one thing we have been really lucky with, and Rudy was the reason," said Conte. "A lot of tennis programs in the area have issues just field teams. We have not had that problem. Rudy took an interest in the program and built it up."

Now, the tennis courts at the high school are being completely redone as part of a nearly \$7 million athletic facility project.

One thing will remain constant, and that is the plaque for the tennis courts named after Altobelli.

"He will be looking down and smiling as those courts are redone," said Conte. "The plaque will be placed back at the courts when the project is finished."

Conte said in Altobelli's contributions to tennis and hockey have helped offer more options for students to take part in athletic competition, and in cases like the hockey team, have helped the school find recent success.

Altobelli was a likeable face on the campus of Agawam High School. He taught in the business department, and English teacher Rosemary Stratton recalled Alto-

belli was a modest and humble man.

"He was also a very dedicated teacher and he got along with everybody," said Stratton. "He was also very political, but never pushed his views on anyone."

Altobelli served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. He graduated from West Springfield High School, attended American International College and graduated from Springfield College with a master's degree.

The longtime teacher and coach was buried privately with military honors at Agawam's Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Conte said the image that will last a long time for him is the one of the dedicated coach running each day around the Agawam track.

Church News

News, upcoming events at Agawam Congregational

The public is invited to attend the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., “a place to call home — a people to call family.” Sunday service is at 10 a.m. with a children’s message, church school fellowship and coffee hour following.

Thursdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m.: Morning Playgroup. Open to the public. Programs follows the Agawam Public School schedule.

Thursday, April 2: 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday special evening service.

Easter Sunday, April 5: Family Communion, Children’s Easer Pageant, Easter “Eggstravangaza,” no church school, and coffee/fellowship hour following the service.

Sunday, April 12: 10 a.m., Worship service with the Alice Moore Golden Bell Choir ringing, children’s message, church school and coffee hour. Youth Raffle will take place. Purchase raffle tickets at coffee hour. Proceeds to benefit youth summer camp. Drawing will take place April 19.

Saturday, April 18: 7:30 a.m., Men’s Ministry meeting at Bobbie J’z; 5:30 p.m., Chick-

en Pie Supper. Purchase and pick up tickets in the church office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.

Sunday, April 19: 10 a.m. worship service, church school, ‘Faithful Friends’ and coffee hour.

Monday, April 20: 11 a.m., Funeral service for Jean Clifford; 4 p.m., Loaves & Fishes will meet.

Friday, April 24: 9 a.m. Newsletter collation.

Sunday, April 26: 10 a.m., Worship service with church school and coffee hour; 1 p.m., Community Crop Walk from West Springfield.

Monday, April 27: 7 p.m., Women’s Ministry meeting in the friendship room.

Pastor Greg E. Dawson and his wife, Rosemary, are available for prayer after the service. Newcomers are welcome and members of the community are invited to participate in all church events. For more information, call the church office at 413-786-7111. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until noon.

Holy Week services at Agawam Congregational

The public is invited to celebrate Holy Week at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. Following is a schedule of services.

March 29: Palm Sunday, 10 a.m. worship service with Choir Cantata, “The Way

of the Cross Leads Home.”

April 2: 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday Service.

Sunday, April 5: 10 a.m., Easter Service with children’s pageant and Easter “eggstravaganza.”

Holy Week services at Sacred Heart

Following is the schedule of Holy Week services at Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

April 2, Holy Thursday: 7 p.m., Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by the procession with the Blessed Sacrament through the church to the Altar of Repose in the All Saints Chapel. Solemn Adoration will continue in the chapel until 9 p.m.

April 3, Good Friday: Noon, Stations of the Cross; 7 p.m., Solemn Celebration of

the Lord’s Passion and distribution of Holy Communion.

April 4, Holy Saturday: Noon, Blessing of the Easter food and children’s Easter baskets in the Parish Center; 8 p.m., the Great Vigil of Easter. This is the most important Mass of the entire church year. It will last approximately two hours.

April 5, Easter Sunday: Masses at 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.



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Holy Week services, luncheons scheduled

The Agawam Clergy Association will celebrate Holy Week with services and luncheons Monday, April 30, through Friday, April 3. Services will be held at Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main St., Agawam, beginning at noon each day. Lunch will be provided following the service at no charge.

Preachers and hosts for lunch this year are as follows:

Monday, March 30: Pastor Brad Peterson, Hope Community Church

Tuesday, March 31: Pastor George Thomson, First Baptist Church

Wednesday, April 1: Pastor Greg Dawson, Agawam Congregational Church

Thursday, April 2: Pastor Richard Adams, Bethany Assembly of God

Friday, April 3: Pastor Rob Donaldson, Feeding Hills Congregational Church

The offerings in their entirety will be given to feed the hungry in the Pioneer Valley. The public is invited.

Church Directory

AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

745 Main St., Agawam
786-7111
Pastor: Rev. Greg E. Dawson
Agawam1@verizon.net
www.agawamcongregational-church.com

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10 a.m.
Communion on the first Sunday of the month
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459 Mill St., Feeding Hills
413-786-4174
Pastor: Ken Blanchard
agawamumc@gmail.com
www.agawamworship.org

WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday 10 a.m.
Holy Communion served 1st and 3rd Sundays.
Coffee hour after worship; Bible Study after fellowship.
Prepare Meal for Samaritan Inn Homeless Shelter 2nd Saturdays 2-5 p.m.
Offsite Worship:
Heritage East, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.
Heritage North, 1st Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
Heritage Woods, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.
Country Estates, 2nd and 5th Thursdays, 11 a.m.

BETHANY ASSEMBLY OF GOD

580 Main St., Agawam
(413) 789-2930
www.bethany-ag.org
Senior Pastor: Rev. Richard E. Adams
WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday 9am & 10:45am
Christian Education offered during both services.
Nightlife Contemporary Service: Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.

CHURCH OF REDEMPTION

50 Maple St., Agawam
(413) 304-2313
churchor.org

WORSHIP SERVICES
Summer Schedule
Sunday Services, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Sunday school for children and nursery for younger children

FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

370 Shoemaker Lane
Agawam
(413) 786-1681
jesussaves.7@comcast.net
Church Website: www.faithbible-church.org
Pastor: Rick Donofrio

SERVICES
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www.firstbaptistagawam.org
Pastor: Rev. George Thomson

SUNDAY SERVICES
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Sunday School (grades K - 5) following Children’s Message until 10:45
Youth Group meets at 11 a.m.
Coffee & Conversation following worship service

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

152 South Westfield St.
Feeding Hills
789-2026

SUNDAY SERVICES
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522 Springfield St., Feeding Hills
Feeding Hills, MA
478-9484
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Sunday Family Bible Study Hour, 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7 p.m.

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1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills
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- Holy Eucharist

ST. JOHN’S CHURCH

823 Main St., Agawam
786-8105
info@stjohnevangelistchurch.org
www.stjohnagawam.org

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Reconciliation: Fridays, 7:15 to 8 a.m., Saturdays, 4 to 4:45 p.m.
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Thursday: Communion Service

Community News

Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for March 28 on School St.

The town of Agawam Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, the Agawam Lions Club and the Agawam Rotary Club, will take place Saturday, March 28, at School Street Park.

Due to limited parking, only 175 families will be permitted into the park that day. Cars will not be permitted into the park without the pink copy of the registration form. Registration will begin Tuesday, March 17, in the Parks and Recreation of-

fice, 1000 Suffield St., Agawam, and will be limited to the first 175 families. Cost is \$5 per family.

Participants are encouraged to arrive early, as the hunt will begin promptly at 11 a.m., and should bring a basket or bag to collect the eggs. Approximately 8,000 eggs will be available in three age-appropriate areas (4 and younger; 5 to 7; 8 and older) with special prizes in each area.

The rain or snow date is Saturday, April 4.

Legends show to benefit USO

A rock and roll tribute to the Great Legends of American music will help raise funds for the local USO of Pioneer Valley. The show takes place on stage at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam on Sunday, March 29. Cocktails will be available at 4 p.m., followed by seating at 5 p.m. and the show at 6 p.m.

Local tribute artists will include Ray Guillemette Jr. as Elvis; Rick Larimore as Rod Stewart; Ben Ashley as Buddy Holly; Charlie Lask as Neil Diamond; Atoa Ripley

with a tribute to Lou Rawls and Tom Jones; Brian McCullough with a tribute to Roy Orbison; Erving Lewis as Lionel Ritchie; Patrick Tobin with a tribute to Frank Sinatra; Nicky Fuller as Lady Gaga; Gregorio Malante as Tina Turner and Vicki Rose with a tribute to Celine Dion. The performers will be backed up by Joe Perreira's Western Mass. All Stars.

Tickets are available at the Chez Josef. To make a reservation, call the box office at 413-355-5394.

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Apple Jam confirms new venue, event date

RUSSELL — The 2015 Apple Jam Roots Music Festival will take place Friday, Aug. 21, through Sunday, Aug. 23, at Camp Moses Reservation in Russell. This sixth Apple Jam will continue the tradition of featuring American roots genres, including bluegrass, blues, indie, funk, rock and Americana.

"Apple Jam has always been such a positive, family-friendly experience," said founder Gary Phelps. "I am excited to see it in larger scale at such a fantastic venue."

Camp Moses Reservation is located at 310 Birch Hill Road, Russell. The reservation's 1,600 wooded acres will provide an idyllic background for the festival's spirit of harmony and connectedness.

The growth of the festival this year has included a partnership with a talented group dedicated to creating premier, community-driven events throughout Western Massachusetts.

The Apple Jam was originally created in 2007 by Phelps to provide a meeting ground for the family of bands and fans accumulated through his music career. It has since evolved into a more inclusive event that promotes original, roots-based music and encourages a widespread kinship through the shared musical experience. The festival was previously held in the Bondsville section of Palmer.

For more information, visit www.the-applejam.com.

Italian center accepting new memberships

SPRINGFIELD — Italian-Americans who want to get back in touch with their Italian heritage or those that simply enjoy the Italian culture and way of life are invited to join the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts. The ICC is currently accepting new membership applications.

It is a growing, vibrant organization that embraces and promotes the Italian culture in all its forms. Italian language classes are offered for adults, as well as periodic dinners with Italian food, Italian heritage celebrations, cooking classes, a library, assistance in learning more about members' Italian genealogy and more.

The ICC is located at 56 Margaret St. in Springfield's South End. For more information, call the ICC at 413-784-1492, email ic-cwm@comcast.net, like it on Facebook or visit www.iccwm.org.

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www.turley.com

Community News

Parent workshop on reading next Tuesday

The Agawam Family & Community Program will host two sessions of a Parent Café next Tuesday, March 31, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, or 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center dining room, 954 Main St. Teaching a child to read can be exciting, fun and confusing all at once. Janet Brown will help parents identify and recognize the skills required for a child to read, and offer practical ways to create a positive reading environment in your home. Free childcare available in the morning only.

If Agawam schools are closed that day, the program will be cancelled and if possible, rescheduled. In the event of a two-hour delay, all morning programs will be canceled. For a list of updated weather cancellations and delays, visit www.agawampublicschools.org.

Fitness First to host blood drive April 1

Fitness First Health & Fitness Center, 60 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center, Wednesday, April 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver's license with photo or state identification with photo is required to donate blood. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 years or older. To make an appointment, call 413-786-1460.

Easter Bunny breakfast March 29

The public is invited to "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" Sunday, March 29. The event will take place at St. John's Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam from 8 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$7 per person and free for children 12 and under.

For more information, call Joe Pisano at 413-351-5831.

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Running club to offer 5K training programs

The Pioneer Valley Women's Running Club will offer a 5K Training Clinic, beginning Monday, March 30, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Forest Park in Springfield. An information session will be held Monday, March 23, at 5:30 p.m. at Longmeadow High School, 95 Grassy Gutter Road.

"Meeting once a week for 10 weeks, some participants will go from brisk walking to running their first 5K," said PVWRC Clinic Coordinator Donna Shea. "The clinic

is a terrific way to try something new, get fit, and have fun with the support of a professional trainer and mentors who learned to run from participating in past clinics."

According to Shea, the program will offer three options for participants: "One group will be for those who are just starting to be active and want to improve their walking pace and activity level. A second group, for those who are currently active and who can walk briskly for 30 minutes, will follow

a walk-to-run program. The third group is designed for current runners who want to improve their consistency and speed."

The training program fee is \$75, which includes a one-year PVWRC membership. Proceeds fund the PVWRC scholarship program. To learn more or to register for the information session, contact Donna Shea at shea@engr.uconn.edu or Renee Brown at rrebrown@comcast.net.

Advance tickets to Shrine Circus April 23-26 available online

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The most anticipated annual circus event in Western Massachusetts is coming. The Shrine Circus at the Eastern States Coliseum will take place April 23 through April 26.

As always, the Melha Shrine Clowns will greet attendees of all age at the circus, a three-ring circus featuring aerial acts, motorcycle daredevils, skits involving the Melha Clowns, jugglers and more. The circus venue is loaded with presentations that will please people of all ages.

Although the box office does not open until Saturday, April 11, advance tickets can now be purchased online at melhashrinecircus.com. Families will be able to purchase tickets regularly priced at \$14 to reserve the best available seats for the performance of their choice, or take in all the action from box seats for \$18. Children under age 3 seated on an adult's lap do not need a ticket. No additional discounts will apply.

Tickets ordered prior to Saturday, April 18, will be mailed to the customer's billing address. Tickets ordered after April 18 will be available at the box office during regular business hours 24 hours after the order was

placed online, or at the will call booth on the day of performance. Receipt or photo ID will be required when picking up tickets. The Eastern States Coliseum Box Office is located at 1305 Memorial Ave.

When ordering tickets, indicate if a ticket-holder uses a wheelchair or requires special assistance; the Shriners will do their best to accommodate attendees' needs. In such situations, there will be room for only one other person to sit with the ticket-holder.

Country Estates conducts food for pantry

In honor of National Nutrition Month and Social Work Month, Kindred-Country Estates will host a food drive at its facility at 1200 Suffield St., Agawam. It will run through the end of March and the items collected will be donated to Bethany Assembly of God's food pantry.

Donations may be dropped off at Country Estates daily between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Non-perishable items are preferred.

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Karen M McNamara** of Wolcott CT, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Karen M McNamara of Wolcott CT has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Agawam Community Informational Fair

The Agawam Family & Community Program hosted its Agawam Community Informational Fair last Saturday at Agawam High School. The event consisted of entertainment, demonstrations and local exhibitors spreading knowledge about local programs servicing the community.

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The Community Fair was held at Agawam High School on March 21.

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Volunteer Freeman Ed Albanese enters Longmeadow resident David Runge's 8-month-old son, Kento, into the MyChip child ID program.



Juman, 3 (left), and Salma Tuffaha, 6, enthusiastically watch Pam Murphy of the Agawam Fire Department as she dresses Pumper the cat with her fire helmet. Blaze the fire dog patiently sit

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Potential future firefighter Talan Beckman, 8, of Granville enjoys socializing with his peers.

Agawam Community Informational Fair



Stan Coly of Thousand Cranes Studio, based in Feeding Hills, describes his classes.



Ayano Runge, 2, of Longmeadow, and Agawam fire dog Blaze, observe the goings-on.





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Longtime Ludlow dentist set to retire

LUDLOW – After 47 years in the dental profession, Dr. Ronald C. Szarlan will be retiring from his Ludlow practice on April 1.

Dr. Szarlan’s passion for dentistry has seen him through many phases of his career and will certainly be remembered by the many who had the privilege of knowing him. His partners at Ludlow Family Dentistry, Dr. Joseph F. Wegiel, Dr. Frank J. Mitera, and Dr. Michelle Roberts, along with their staff, wish him all the best in the years to come.

After completing his undergraduate and doctoral education, Dr. Szarlan served two years of active duty with the US Air Force. In 1970, he

began his dental practice in Ludlow; however, he also furthered his career in the military, continuing his service for the next 32 years with the Massachusetts Air National Guard. After working at the Pentagon and attaining the rank of Brigadier General, he retired from the Air Force in 2001 and is very proud of his numerous medals, achievements and citations.

Along with his dental practice and military career, Dr. Szarlan found the time to be involved with organized dentistry holding many positions over the years. In addition, he taught at Harvard University School of Dentistry and locally at Springfield Technical Community College for

several years. Along with national, state and local dental organizations of which he is member, his proudest achievements are his inductions as Fellow in both the Academy of General Dentistry and the International College of Dentists.

Dr. Szarlan will be missed by the many patients he knows and loves and by everyone at the office. They are, however, certain, that he will be checking in from time to time to visit. All at Ludlow Family Dentistry have assured him they will take good care of his patients and look forward to providing the highest quality of professional care they have been accustomed to.



Dr. Ronald C. Szarlan

SPORTS

BASEBALL

Brownies look to bounce back from rough season

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – It is not clear when the Agawam baseball team will take the field for the first time in 2015, but they are definitely hoping a team that is a year older and more experienced will be able to make a run at the tournament.

Just two years ago, the Brownies went all the way to the Western Massachusetts Division I championship game. The Brownies rode great pitching and great hitting to the end of the tournament, but were upended by Westfield.

Last year, under new coach Brian Rheault, the Brownies suffered through the loss of some key seniors, and a lot of defensive woes and after winning the first game of the regular season, went 0-14.

Agawam finished the year 2-18 with a 1-11 league record.

Agawam was in several games early in the season, before teams like Pittsfield, Minnechaug, Longmeadow, and Westfield began blowing them out.

The Brownies also suffered through a pair of illnesses to their best players. Those players are back and also coming off huge seasons with the state finalist Agawam hockey team.

Joe Mercadante served as the centerfielder and leadoff hitter for the team. He spent considerable time on the bench last season battling mono. He returned at

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Winter putting damper on spring season



As of last week, snow still covered the baseball field at Agawam High School. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS STAFF PHOTO BY DAVE FORBES

Lacrosse games to be moved later in year

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Spring sports are underway...sort of.

In addition to contending with upcoming postponements on a schedule that is already the shortest of the school year, Agawam's athletic department will also be contending with moving fields around to accommodate the upcoming project for the Agawam High School athletic facilities.

Athletic Director David Stratton has remained in consistent contact with town and school officials about the status of the fields at Agawam

High School.

In early March, Stratton asked the Department of Public Works, which takes care of the fields at the high school, to clear the snow off the multi-use stadium field so it will drain sooner. In the spring, the field is used for boys and girls varsity lacrosse games.

"The DPW did a great job and the field can drain now," said Stratton. "As of now, we are intending to use that field for part of the season."

Stratton said the bidding process for the athletic field project is set to start on April 1, meaning the project will not likely start before May 1. He expects the lacrosse team will be able to use the current stadium field for at least half the season.

He also said he was informed

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ROAD RACE

Ethiopians take top spots at St. Pat's Road Race

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

HOLYOKE – The weather has not cooperated much for spring sports or events, and last Saturday's 40th anniversary of the St. Patrick's Day Road Race was no different with snow falling the day before until about 11:30 a.m. on race day.

But at race time, skies were clear and temperatures blasted their way into the 40's, comfortable running weather and the 10K (6.2-mile) race went off without a hitch as more than 7,000 participants from competitive runners, to costumed fun-runners, to walkers took part in the annual event.

The St. Patrick's Day Road Race in Holyoke is one of the oldest and longest running in the country, and featured a star-studded group of runners. Bill Rodgers, who has won the Boston Marathon and New York Marathon four times each, was among the field. Rodgers has also won the Holyoke race three times. Other marathon winners joined him in the race, including former Olympian Steve Jones.

For the second straight year, it was Ethiopians that won the men and women's title.

The men's winner was Haile Mengesha, who finished the court in 29:58. He made a huge push during the downhill mile at Cherry Hill to pull away from a

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Swim teams receive Sportsmanship Award



AGAWAM - The Agawam High School swimming and diving teams were honored with the Western Massachusetts sportsmanship award, named in honor of longtime Northampton coach Steve Constantine.

The award was presented by Western Massachusetts Swimming and Diving Officials at the team's Annual Banquet held at Oak Ridge Country Club Saturday, March 4.



The Agawam High School swim team is honored with the Constantine Sportsmanship Award. The first photo is of team captains and coaches are (from left to right): team captains Dominic Kosior and Alison Schwartz assistant coach Scott Cassidy and head coach Ronnie Wheat.

The second photo shows both the boys and girls teams.. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Sports

Falcons clipped by Crunch at The Nest

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Falcons were clipped by the Syracuse Crunch, 4-1, Sunday at the MassMutual Center.

The Falcons now move to 34-25-7-0 on the season with 75 points. The team still holds a 4-3-0-0 lead in the eight-game season series with the Crunch.

Falcons goaltender Joonas Korpisalo made his American Hockey League debut, stopping 21 of 24 shots on goal. Crunch goaltender Kristers Gudlevskis earned the win, turning aside 13 of 14. Springfield was unable to convert on two man-advantages. The penalty kill unit stopped four of six Syracuse power plays.

The Crunch were first to light the lamp with 9:35 remaining in the opening frame. Dylan Blujus fired the puck into the corner, but it took a bounce off the glass and ended up in front of the net. Justin Courtnall took advantage and beat Korpisalo with a backhandler from the right post. Joel Vermin earned a point on the play.

The Falcons responded later in the period with 3:08 left on the clock. Michael Chaput picked up the puck from Mike Hoeffel at the end boards and chipped it out to Luke Adam in the slot. Adam knotted the score, 1-1, with his 14th goal of the season.

Syracuse took back their lead just 3:04 into the middle 20. While on the power play, Jonathan Marchessault sniped one from the right point off assists from Blujus and Tanner Richard.

With 20 seconds remaining, another power-play tally gave the Crunch a two-goal lead. Korpisalo made the initial save on Carter Ashton’s shot, but left the rebound out for Yanni Gourde to clean up while the goaltender was out of position. Slater Koekkoek earned credit for secondary assist.

Mike Angelidis gave the Crunch a 4-1 lead with 5:57 remaining in the contest.

Joey Mormina fired a shot that was stopped by the netminder. Angelidis took control of the rebound in slipped it behind Korpisalo and across the goal line.

The Falcons are back in action on Friday, March 27 when they host the Worcester Sharks at 7 p.m.

Falcons tame Wolf Pack in shootout

The Springfield Falcons tamed the Hartford Wolf Pack, 2-1, in a shootout Saturday at the MassMutual Center.

The win advances the Falcons to 34-24-7-0 on the season with 75 points. Springfield also holds a 3-2-3-0 record in the 10-game season series with Hartford.

Falcons goaltender Scott Munroe improved his record to 7-9-1 turning aside 15 of 16 shots on goal and four shootout attempts. Wolf Pack goaltender Yann Davis allowed one goal on 35 shots and one tally in four shootout attempts. Springfield was unable to convert on six power play opportunities, while shutting down all three Hartford man-advantages.

The Wolf Pack opened scoring at the 2:14 mark of the second period. Oscar Lindberg skated into the zone and lit the lamp from the right circle with the help of Joey Crabb and Mat Bodie.

With 7:04 remaining in the frame, the Falcons evened the score. Hubert Labrie fired a shot on net that was stopped by Danis. Captain Ryan Craig crashed the net and chipped in the rebound for his 13th of the season. Craig is now tied for the Falcons franchise lead with 90 career goals. T.J. Tynan is now on a two-game point streak with the secondary assist.

The teams were knotted after 60 minutes and went to overtime for the sixth time this season. A scoreless overtime frame forced a shootout.

Michael Chaput deked right and beat Danis in the fourth round of the shootout to give the Falcons a 2-1 victory.

Falcons drop decision to Sound Tigers

The Springfield Falcons dropped a 3-1 decision to the Bridgeport Sound Tigers tonight at the MassMutual Center.

The Falcons now sit at 33-24-7-0 on the season and maintain a 5-1-1-0 lead in the eight-game season series against the Sound Tigers.

Falcons goaltender Scott Munroe turned aside 26 of 29 shots on goal, while his Sound Tigers counterpart, Kent Simpson, earned his first win, stopping 32 of 33. Springfield was unable to convert on seven power play opportunities. The penalty kill unit shut down all four Bridgeport man-advantages.

The Sound Tigers were first on the board with a 2-on-1 play at the 5:55 mark of the first twenty. Carson McMillan skated the puck into the zone and threw a pass over to Dustin Jeffrey. Jeffrey shot it back across the crease for McMillan to chip in. John Persson recorded a point with the secondary helper on the opening tally.

T.J. Tynan evened the score after the

halfway mark of the second frame. Tynan powered a shot from the blue line that was blocked by Simpson. He followed it up and scored on the rebound to knot the teams at one. Mike Hoeffel and Sean Collins earned credit for the assists.

Bridgeport took back the lead in the third period. Just 3:57 in, Jeffrey won the faceoff and kicked the puck back to Aaron Ness, who sauced it over to Ryan Pulock in the high slot. Pulock one-timed a shot past Munroe to build a one-goal lead for the Sound Tigers.

Later in the frame, Jeffrey wristed a shot from the right circle with the help of Sebastian Collberg to down the Falcons, 3-1.

Falcons moves

The Columbus Blue Jackets have activated forwards Boone Jenner and Jeremy Morin off injured reserve and assigned forward Ryan Craig to the Springfield Falcons, the Falcons signed forward Tyler Sikura to an amateur tryout agreement, had goalie Oscar Dansk reassigned to the Kalamazoo Wings of the ECHL, had goalie Joonas Korpisalo reassigned to them by the Blue Jackets, released forward James Livingston from his professional try-out contract

Porfilio nets first collegiate goal

CHICOPEE - Elms College women's lacrosse freshman midfielder and Agawam resident Alissa Porfilio netted her first career goal in a 15-9 loss to Wentworth on Tuesday, March 17.

Ritter delivers for Wentworth

NEW HAVEN, Conn. - Wentworth men's volleyball sophomore and Feeding Hills resident Collin Ritter had 26 assists in a 3-0 win over Albertus Magnus on Saturday, March 21.

He also had 17 assists and a pair of blocks in a 3-0 win over Mount Ida on the same day.

AGAWAM 2015 SPRING VARSITY SCHEDULE

BASEBALL				Tuesday, May 5	Away	Ellington	4 p.m.	Wednesday, April 8	Away	Belchertown	4 p.m.
Monday, March 30	Away	West Springfield	4 p.m.	Friday, May 8	Home	Tantasqua	4 p.m.	Friday, April 10	Away	Northampton (at JFK Middle School)	4 p.m.
Thursday, April 9	Home	Amherst	4 p.m.	Monday, May 11	Home	Northampton	4 p.m.	Tuesday, April 14	Away	East Longmeadow	4 p.m.
Monday, April 13	Away	Cathedral (at Forest Park Sprgflid)	4 p.m.	Thursday, May 14	Home	Westfield	4 p.m.	Thursday, April 16	Away	Cathedral	4 p.m.
Thursday, April 16	Away	East Longmeadow	4 p.m.	Friday, May 15	Home	Minnechaug	5:30 p.m.	Monday, April 20	Away	Ludlow	4 p.m.
Monday, April 20	Home	Longmeadow	4 p.m.	Monday, May 18	Home	South Hadley	4 p.m.	Tuesday, April 21	Away	Chicopee (at Szot Park)	12 p.m.
Wednesday, April 22	Away	Minnechaug	4 p.m.	Wednesday, May 20	Away	Tantasqua	4 p.m.	Monday, April 27	Away	Amherst	4 p.m.
Friday, April 24	Away	Westfield (at Bullens Field)	1 p.m.	Friday, May 22	Away	South Hadley (at Town Farms Field)	4 p.m.	Wednesday, April 29	Home	Ludlow	4 p.m.
Monday, April 27	Home	Pittsfield	4 p.m.	Tuesday, May 26	Home	Cathedral	4 p.m.	Monday, May 4	Home	Central	4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29	Away	Holyoke	4 p.m.	SOFTBALL				Wednesday, May 6	Home	Holyoke	4 p.m.
Friday, May 1	Away	Amherst	4 p.m.	Tuesday, March 31	Home	Palmer	4 p.m.	Friday, May 8	Away	Longmeadow (at Blinn Tennis Courts)	4 p.m.
Monday, May 4	Away	Chicopee (at Szot Park)	6:30 p.m.	Wednesday, April 15	Away	Ludlow (at Baird Middle School)	4 p.m.	Tuesday, May 12	Home	Minnechaug	4 p.m.
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Monday, May 11	Away	Chicopee Comp (at Dulchinos Field)	4 p.m.	Thursday, April 23	Home	Holyoke	11 a.m.	Wednesday, May 20	Home	West Springfield	4 p.m.
Tuesday, May 12	Away	Longmeadow	4 p.m.	Friday, April 24	Away	Longmeadow (at Russell Field)	4 p.m.	Friday, May 22	Home	Cathedral	4 p.m.
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Thursday, May 28	Away	Northampton	4 p.m.	Thursday, May 7	Home	East Longmeadow	4 p.m.	Wednesday, April 29	Away	Chicopee	4 p.m.
BOYS LACROSSE				Monday, May 11	Home	Chicopee	4 p.m.	Wednesday, May 6	Away	Chicopee Comp	4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 7	Away	West Springfield	7 p.m.	Wednesday, May 13	Home	Minnechaug	4 p.m.	Tuesday, May 12	Away	Holyoke	4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8	Away	Amherst	4 p.m.	Thursday, May 14	Away	Westfield	4 p.m.	GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD			
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Friday, April 17	Home	Westfield	4 p.m.	Tuesday, May 26	Away	West Springfield (at Mitteneague Park)	4 p.m.	Tuesday, May 5	Away	Longmeadow	3 p.m.
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Friday, April 24	Away	Pittsfield	3 p.m.	BOYS TENNIS				BOYS VOLLEYBALL			
Tuesday, April 28	Home	Northampton	4 p.m.	Tuesday, April 7	Home	Longmeadow	4 p.m.	Thursday, April 2	Away	Sabis	5 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29	Home	Chicopee Comp	4 p.m.	Thursday, April 9	Away	Ludlow	4 p.m.	Monday, April 6	Away	Belchertown	5 p.m.
Tuesday, May 5	Home	West Springfield	4 p.m.	Monday, April 13	Home	Renaissance	5 p.m.	Thursday, April 9	Away	Putnam	4 p.m.
Thursday, May 7	Away	East Longmeadow	4 p.m.	Wednesday, April 15	Home	Chicopee	4 p.m.	Friday, April 10	Home	Holyoke	5 p.m.
Friday, May 8	Home	South Hadley	4 p.m.	Friday, April 17	Away	East Longmeadow	4 p.m.	Monday, April 13	Away	West Springfield	5 p.m.
Wednesday, May 13	Home	Cathedral	4 p.m.	Monday, April 20	Home	Minnechaug	4 p.m.	Friday, April 17	Home	Central	5 p.m.
Friday, May 15	Away	South Hadley (at Michael E. Smith Middle School)	4 p.m.	Wednesday, April 22	Home	Belchertown	4 p.m.	Tuesday, April 21	Away	Belchertown	1 p.m.
Monday, May 18	Away	Northampton (at Clarence "Bojo" Conz Lacrosse Field)	7 p.m.	Friday, April 24	Away	South Hadley (at Mt. Holyoke College)	4 p.m.	Wednesday, April 22	Away	Chicopee Comp	12 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20	Home	Longmeadow	4 p.m.	Tuesday, April 28	Away	Amherst	4 p.m.	Friday, April 24	Home	Minnechaug	6 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE				Thursday, April 30	Home	Ludlow	4 p.m.	Tuesday, April 28	Home	Westfield	5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 7	Home	East Longmeadow	4 p.m.	Tuesday, May 5	Away	Chicopee (at Szot Park)	4 p.m.	Thursday, April 30	Away	Ludlow	5 p.m.
Monday, April 13	Home	West Springfield	4 p.m.	Thursday, May 7	Home	Northampton	4 p.m.	Monday, May 4	Home	West Springfield	5 p.m.
Thursday, April 16	Away	Longmeadow (at Russell Field)	4 p.m.	Wednesday, May 13	Home	South Hadley	4 p.m.	Wednesday, May 6	Away	Minnechaug	5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21	Home	Longmeadow	4 p.m.	Tuesday, May 19	Away	Minnechaug	4 p.m.	Thursday, May 7	Home	Chicopee Comp	5 p.m.
Monday, April 27	Away	Northampton (at Smith Voke)	4 p.m.	Thursday, May 21	Home	Belchertown	4 p.m.	Tuesday, May 12	Home	Ludlow	5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 28	Away	Amherst	4 p.m.	GIRLS TENNIS				Thursday, May 14	Away	Westfield	5:15 p.m.
Thursday, April 30	Away	Belchertown	4 p.m.	Wednesday, April 1	Home	South Hadley	4 p.m.	Wednesday, May 20	Home	Sci-Tech	5 p.m.
Monday, May 4	Away	Minnechaug	5:30 p.m.	Friday, April 3	Home	Sabis	4 p.m.	Thursday, May 21	Home	East Longmeadow	5 p.m.
				Monday, April 6	Home	Westfield	4 p.m.				

Sports

Western Mass Professional SC move home opener

First Lusitano game set for April 25

LUDLOW - Winter this year has hit Western Mass hard, and even the cozy confines of Lusitano Stadium couldn't escape its wrath. A slow thaw and additional snow has forced Western Mass to reschedule its home and season opener that was supposed to be held on April 4.

Western Mass now will start the spring ASL season on the road Saturday, April 11 at the Rhode Island Oceans. WM Pro will have their home opener Saturday, April 25 vs. Ironbound Soul. The April 4 home game versus the Philadelphia Fury will now take place on Saturday, June 13.

"After serious deliberations we felt it was necessary to move our home opener April 4," stated WM Pro Director of Operations Steve Scott. "A lot of the snow has melted from Lusitano Stadium, but eliminating all the snow and ice on the field would be unlikely for April 4. Because of the snow, we are unable to access areas to replace floodlights and other necessary maintenance. The scoreboard was damaged along with other signs that were displayed. We apologize for any inconvenience to our fans, and would like to thank the Philadelphia Fury for accommodating our request."

Western Mass now finds themselves on the road for the first two games of the season. The Rhode Island Oceans were 2-3-3 in the fall season, and Western

Mass defeated them twice, both with a 2-0 score. Western Mass might also see a familiar face playing against them, because backup goalkeeper Donato Piroscaro was a winter transfer going to Rhode Island.

Western Mass was founded in 1997 and started playing in 1998. In 1999, the second year of the franchise, they won the USL D-3 Pro League championship. In 2005 they reigned as the regular season champions, were USL Second Division finalists, and hosted the National Championship match. In 2010 they joined the PDL, to focus on developing future professional soccer players. In 2014, the system added a professional franchise, the Western Mass Professional Soccer Club, to the American Soccer League (ASL) competing in Region 1. The Western Mass Professional Soccer Club also operates numerous youth camps throughout western Massachusetts.

Continue to refer to the Western Mass Professional Soccer Club website or follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates.

Maxi Viera and the rest of the Western Mass Professional SC squad will have to wait until April 25 for their home opener

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nior high school.

"I would like to stay on site if possible," said Stratton.

Softball will be unaffected, though field conditions will likely delay the start of the season.

Games were scheduled to begin late this week, but most games will be postponed. Stratton said volleyball games could also possibly moved if it is deemed necessary.

"The cutoff date has been pushed back and right now all our sports are using indoor facilities," said Stratton. "If we need to, we have the room to move games so our teams can keep practicing."

Stratton says the varsity baseball field is still under snow and there is no timetable for the fields to be ready for play.

Boys and girls track are also practicing, but their schedule is currently all on the road, so they will remain unaffected. Agawam will begin holding track meets once the new track is completed.

Stratton said looking forward, he is hopeful the multipurpose field used for football, soccer, field hockey, and lacrosse will be completed by the early fall. He said he scheduled Agawam football to be on the road during the first two weeks of the season, allowing more time for the Brownies to have a home game in the new facility.

Registration open for fifth annual HCC 5K Cougar Crawl

HOLYOKE – Registration is now open for the 5th annual HCC Cougar Crawl 5K Run/Walk Challenge on Sunday, May 3.

The race begins at 10 a.m. with registration from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation at Holyoke Community College, 303 Homestead Ave.

The 5K run/walk is for all levels of runners. The 3.1-mile course is run completely on the tree-lined college campus. Families, individuals,

teams and school groups are encouraged to participate.

Early registration is encouraged. The registration fee for ages 12 and up is \$25 until Friday, May 1, and \$30 on race day. Children 11 years old and under are free.

There will also be a post-race cookout, and prizes will be awarded for winners in each racing category.

To register online or for more information,

please visit www.hcc.edu/crawl or contact Marla Albrecht at 413.552.2481 or malbrecht@hcc.edu.

The Cougar Crawl supports scholarships for current and future Holyoke Community College students. In the last four years, the race has raised nearly \$20,000 to support various projects at the college, including the Bunker (HCC's veterans center), the Picknelly Adult and Family Education Center, and the Center for Health Education.

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the end of the season and did well for the Brownies. He also was utilized as a pitcher and could fill that role this season for Agawam.

Seamus Curran, a six-foot, six-inch first baseman, also missed the end of the season with mono. He was hitting the ball well before missing five games with mono. He battled .462 last year. He had 18 hits and walked 15 times.

Curran has already been busy, participating in a workout session with the Tampa Bay Rays. It is said the Rays, San Diego Padres, Oakland Athletics, and Texas Rangers have also expressed interest in Curran, who expects to spend the season playing first base for the Brownies. He is also able to catch but has not played that position for the varsity.

Curran's hitting prowess should provide consistency for the Brownies in the middle of the order.

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Austin Sabadosa was brought up to the varsity last year as well and spent some time at catcher. His brother, Zach Sabadosa, was a talented catcher for the Brownies in years past.

The Brownies were scheduled to start the season on Monday at West Springfield. Agawam's first home game is scheduled for Thursday, April 9 against Amherst.

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pack of three runners.

On the women's side, Etalemahu Habtewold finished in 33:10. She beat the course record by 4 seconds, and was closely joined by Ethiopian teammate Genet Beyene.

A young runner from Southwick represented the Holyoke Catholic High School cross country team with the top high school time for girls. She finished at an impressive 39:57. Another female runner participating was Chicopee's Grand Colleen, Shannon McAndrew.

McAndrew traded her tiara for running tights and a bib number.

"It feels great to running this race after winning the Colleen this year," said McAndrew. "I'm really proud to represent my city this year."

Carroll was joined by her brother, Bill, and teammate Haley Sullivan from Holyoke Catholic.

"I was just trying to have a good race," said Carroll. "Our team wanted to come take part and represent our school."

One school that was very well-represented was Danbury High School, which brought nearly it's entire boys cross country team. Ryan Fox finished in the top 10 for males and set a personal best at 33:43. Many of his teammates were not far behind as the team did well.

Other high school sports faces that participated in the race included South Hadley boys basketball coach Jeff Guiel, Chicopee High School Athletics Director Jim Blaine, and Ludlow High School's athletic trainer Ashley Ruggiera, who ran for the second time.

"I ran with some other teachers from Ludlow," she said. "It's a lot of run and I was not concerned about my time, I just wanted to finish the race."

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Summer camp options abound

Summer camp is a beloved tradition in many families. Many parents of young children fondly recall spending their summers at summer camp, where they made lifelong friends and learned the finer points of roasting marshmallows and competing in three-legged sack races.

Parents looking for the right summer camp for their kids will soon discover there are various types of summer camps, each offering youngsters something different. The following are some of the summer camp options parents can expect to encounter as they search for the right camper for their kids.

Day camp

Day camps are not overnight camps, which means kids will return home each night rather than sleep over at camp. Day camps typically offer many of the activities people have come to associate with camps, including crafts, sports and even day-trips to experience local culture or attractions. Many day camps are co-ed, and counselors typically live within the community.

Faith-based camp

Faith-based camps offer many of the same activities as more traditional summer camps, but do so while simul-

taneously offering campers the opportunity to celebrate and further explore their religious beliefs. Some faith-based camps may focus heavily on religion, incorporating faith into daily camp activities, while others may be more subtle with regard to integrating religious beliefs and lessons into camp activities.

Sports camps

Some summer camps focus on a particular sport, catering to young athletes who want to further develop their athletic talents. Sports camps may feature guest lectures and lessons from notable local athletes and coaches, while some camps may provide instruction from current and/or former professional athletes. Some sports camps are overnight, while others are day camps.

Family camps

Family camps are opportunities for the whole family to enjoy the summer camp experience. Family camps typically tailor their activities around tasks families can complete together, with counselors providing assistance when it's needed. Family camps may be faith-based or secular, and families typically stay overnight, sleeping in facilities on the campsites or in lodging away from home.

Special needs camps

Parents of children with special needs can still send their kids to summer camp, as there are many camps that cater to such youngsters. Special needs camps may cater to campers who are blind, deaf, learning disabled, or mentally or physically disabled. Staff at special needs camps typically undergoes extensive training, which helps to calm some of the fears parents may have about leaving their special needs children at camp. Facilities at special needs camps are often built to accommodate the specific needs of campers.

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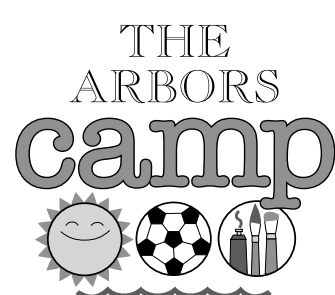
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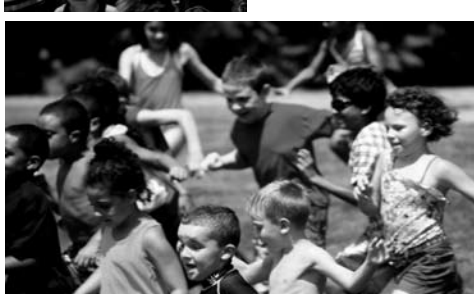


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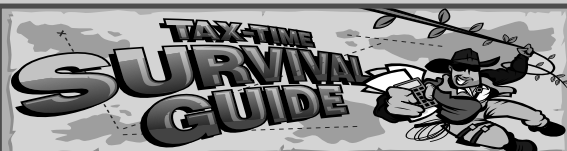
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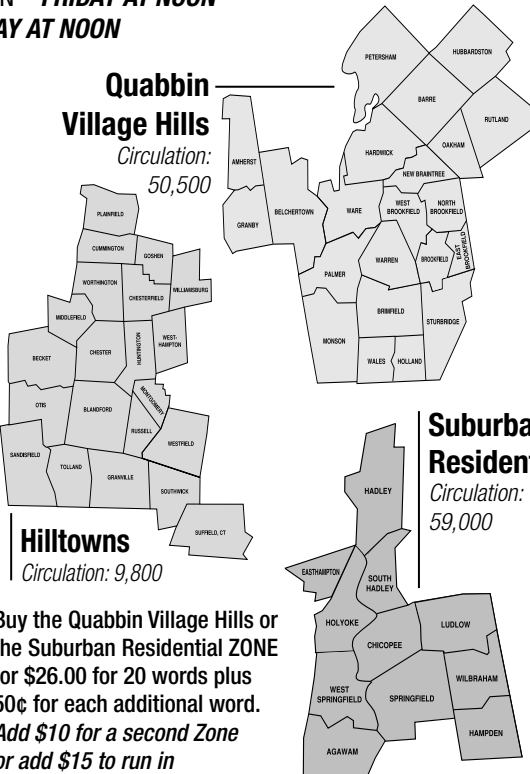
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Sunday, March 29

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY will take place at St. John's Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam from 8 a.m. to noon. Tickets are \$7 per person and free for children 12 and under. For more information, call Joe Pisano at 413-351-5831.

THE SPRINGFIELD VETERANS' ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE will hold a public observance for Vietnam Veterans' Day at 1 p.m. It will take place at the Vietnam Veterans' Monument at Court Square in Springfield.

Tuesday, March 31

AGAWAM FAMILY & COMMUNITY PROGRAM will offer Parent Café from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., or 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. Janet Brown will help parents identify and recognize the skills required for a child to read, and offer practical ways to create a positive reading environment in your home. Free childcare available in the morning only.

Wednesday, April 1

FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver's license with photo or state identification with photo is required to donate blood. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 or older. To make an appointment, call 413-786-1460.

Thursday, April 2

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "James McNeill Whistler & the Case for Beauty" featuring award-winning filmmaker Karen Thomas, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, April 3

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE ITALIAN CINEMA will continue at the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, 56 Margaret St., Springfield with "Johnny Stecchino." Doors open at 6 p.m. and the movie will start at 7 p.m. The requested donation of \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members will include a choice of beverage and snack.

Saturday, April 4

AN EASTER EGG HUNT will take place at Hope Community Church, 152 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills at 1 p.m. Activities will feature an Easter craft, a puppet show, and music. Children in grades 5 and under are welcome to attend with accompanying adult. This event is free.

Tuesday, April 7

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERT at Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield Anita Cooper, soprano, Noriyo Fukui, on flute, and Estela Olevsky on piano, at 10:30 a.m. Free refreshments are provided after the performances. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin, 25 Valentine St., Springfield or John Karalekas, TMMC president, Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield 01138.

Wednesday, April 8

THE AGAWAM COMMUNITY ARTISTS AND ARTISANS will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Featured guest is Steve Hamlin, who will work on a painting of an animal that's in progress, focusing on the features and other characteristic details such as hair, musculature

and bone structure. Guests are welcome.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Friday, April 10

AN '80s THROWBACK DANCE will be held at the Westfield Elks Lodge, 56 Franklin Ave., at 7 p.m. Funds raised will support the Westfield Food Pantry, 101 Meadow St. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be purchased at the Food Pantry during business hours, online at www.westfieldfoodpantry.org or at the door. Tickets purchased online can be mailed or picked up from the food pantry.

THE CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS will host a benefit tag sale from Friday, April 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wachogue Congregational Church, 80 Arvilla St., Springfield. For information to donate items, call Susan at 413-782-9006. All proceeds will help dogs and cats in need in Western Massachusetts.

Friday, April 17

THE MEMORY LANE CHORUS will present two performances of the "Love Songs Concert" at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., one at 1:30 p.m. and one at 7 p.m. The concerts are free, but a donation will be taken to help with expenses.

ONGOING

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

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Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BLOOD CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the conference room of Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. A light dinner is served. For more information or to register, call 413-789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

A BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:15 p.m. at office of Maryann Paleologopoulos LICSW, Inc., 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam (at the rotary). Refreshments served. For more information or to register, call 413-789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver and meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 413-786-7111 or email jbrownacc@verizon.net.

A CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets the third Thursday of each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the office of Maryann Paleologopoulos LICSW, Inc., 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam (at the rotary). Refreshments served. For more information or to register, call 413-789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

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Monthly: Mohegan Sun Casino trip with the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center. Trips for 2015 are April 27, May 18, June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28, Nov. 23 and Dec. 28. \$25 per person. Call Penny at Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, 413-519-7223.

April 6: Mohegan Sun Casino. \$25 per person; includes \$15 meal voucher, \$20 in bets. Call Art Usher with the Agawam Golden Agers at 413-786-3567.

April 14: 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York City. \$74 per person. Call Penny at Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, 413-519-7223.

April 16: "Live from Nashville" matinee at Garde Arts Center, New London, Conn. \$74 per person includes entertainment and buffet lunch. Call Emile Cote with St. John's Travelers at 413-335-9440.

April 19-24: Las Vegas at Harrah's. \$915 per person, double or triple occupancy; \$1,095 per single. Call Penny at Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, 413-519-7223.

April 21: Mohegan Sun Casino. \$20 includes a \$15 meal credit and \$20 bet. Call Southwick Senior Center, 413-569-5498.

April 21: Neil Sedaka matinee at Mohegan Sun Arena. \$105 includes premier seating, \$15 meal credit and \$15 bet. Contact George Wheeler with the Southwick Travelers, 413-569-3854 or GeorgeRWheeler42@yahoo.com.

May 2: West Point Dress Parade. \$92 includes buffet lunch and guided tour of the U.S. Military Academy. Payment is due April 20. Contact George Wheeler with the Southwick Travelers, 413-569-3854 or GeorgeRWheeler42@yahoo.com.

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May 17: New York City. Depart West Springfield Town Hall at 7:30 a.m., return 10 p.m. \$39 per person. Call Sue Newman at the West Springfield Arts Council at 413-531-0009 or email Marie1203@aol.com.

May 30: Roger Williams Zoo in Providence, R.I. \$55 per adult, \$45 per child 3-12, \$15 per child under 3; includes bus and zoo admission. Call West Springfield Park and

Recreation at 413-263-3284 or visit wspar-kandrec.com.

June 11: Argia Mystic Cruise. \$73 per person. Call Penny at Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, 413-519-7223.

June 14: Red Sox vs. Blue Jays at Fenway Park. \$85 includes roundtrip from Holyoke Community College, right field grandstand seat, snacks and soft drinks. Payment due by May 1. Email Terry Murphy, tmurphy1hcc@comcast.net, or Larry Maiolo, maiolola@comcast.net.

July 9: Southern Vermont historical train station, glassblowing, cheese shop. \$76 due by June 3. Contact George Wheeler with the Southwick Travelers, 413-569-3854 or GeorgeRWheeler42@yahoo.com.

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Sept. 30 to Oct. 1: Cooperstown and Herkimer, N.Y., including historical train ride, Baseball Hall of Fame, diamond mines and cruise on Erie Canal. \$345 per person, double or triple occupancy; \$395 per single. Deposit due July 8. Contact George Wheeler with the Southwick Travelers, 413-569-3854 or GeorgeRWheeler42@yahoo.com.

Oct. 3: The Platters at the Log Cabin, Holyoke. \$49 per person for tickets only (no transportation). Call Penny at Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, 413-519-7223.

Oct. 20: Oktoberfest at Platzl Brauhaus, Pomona, N.Y. \$90, due by Sept. 11. Contact George Wheeler with the Southwick Travelers, 413-569-3854 or GeorgeRWheeler42@yahoo.com.

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The Agawam High School Marching Band was one of several school and professional musical groups in the parade.



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